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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as indicated below.

IN THE TITLE:

On page 1, line 1, please replace the title with the following amended title:

~~METHOD FOR GROWING THIN FILMS~~

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 2, after the title, please insert the following headings and paragraph:

~~Reference to Related Applications~~

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/482,625, filed January 14, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/682,705, filed